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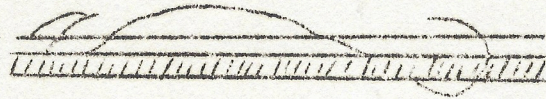
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Maroa High School

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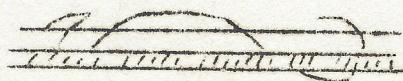
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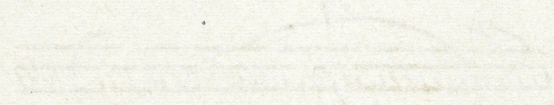
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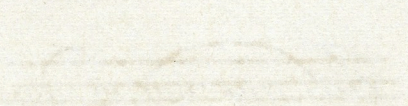
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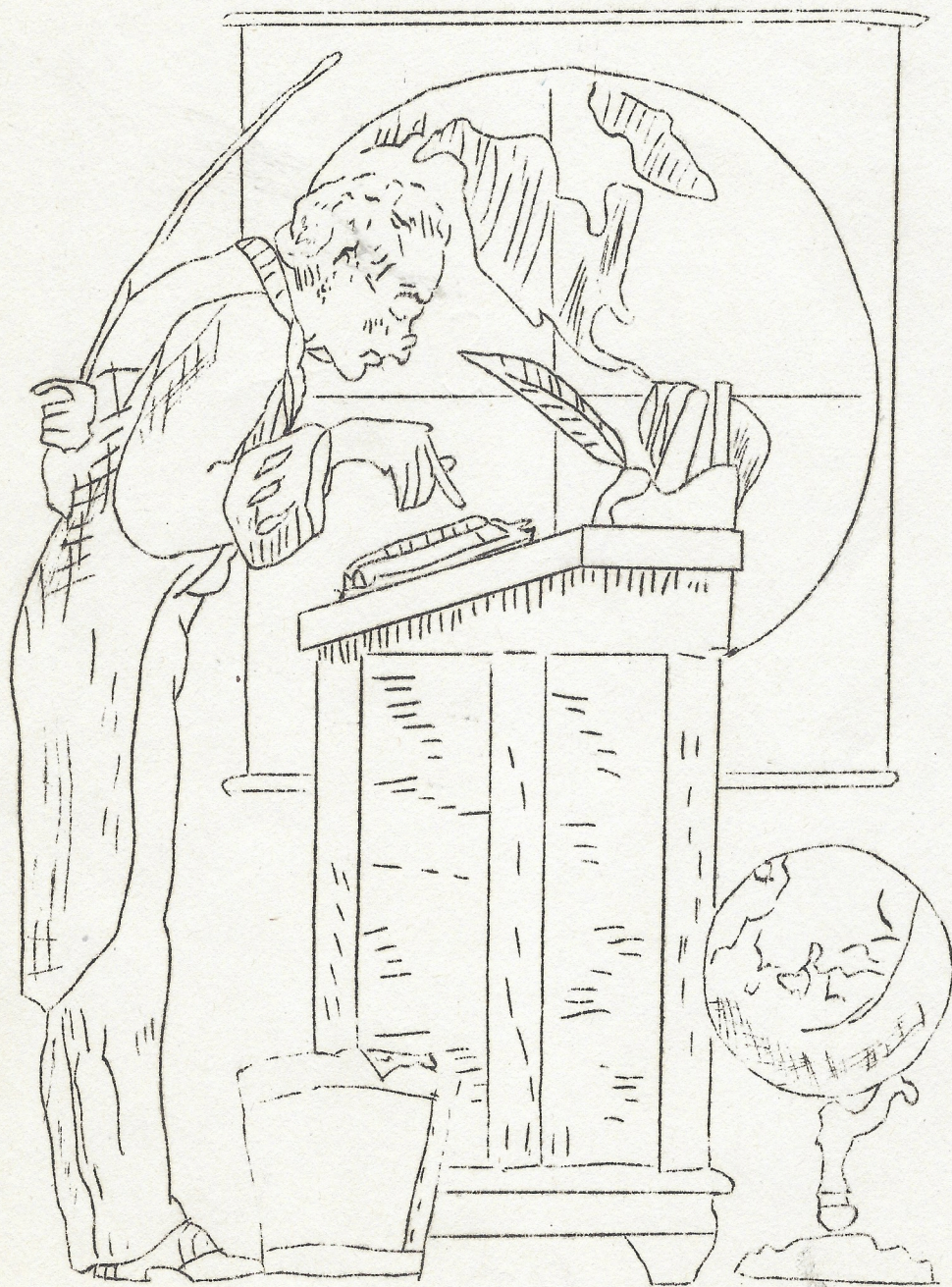
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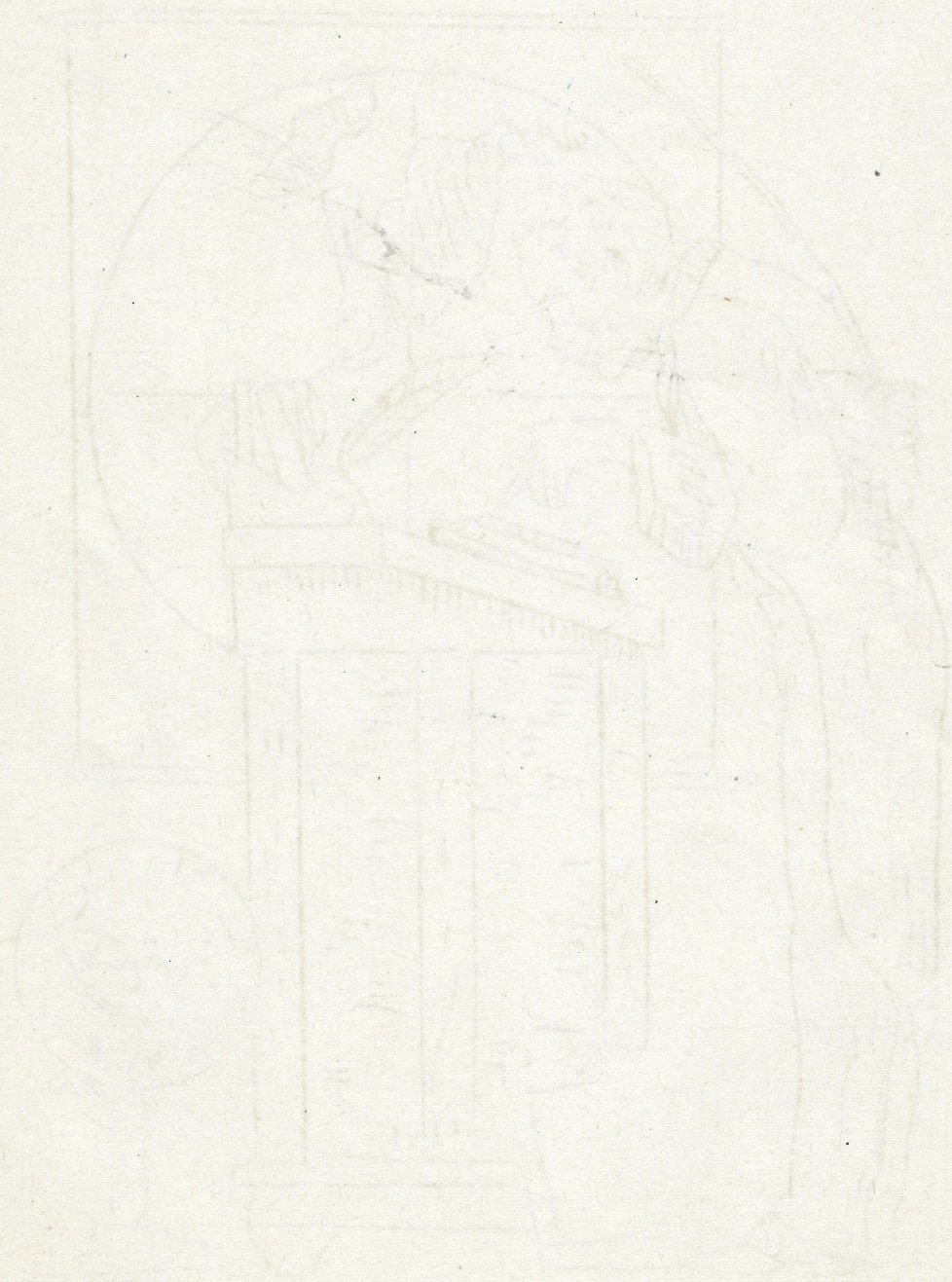
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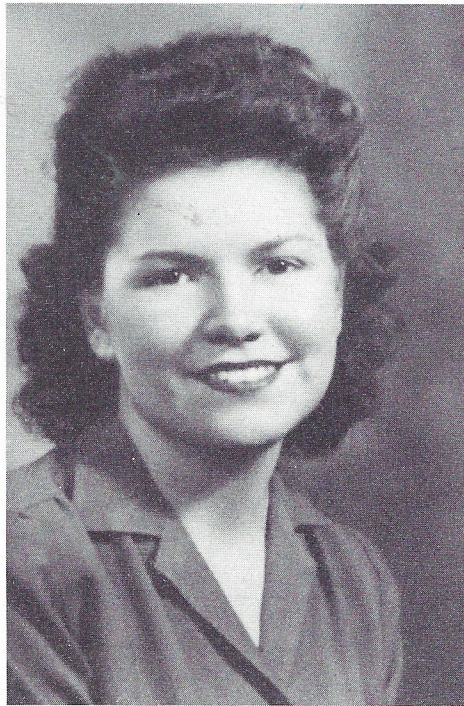
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DEDICATION



The Senior Class of 1943 wish to dedicate this book to Mrs. Maxine Carpenter who guided us and gave us so much inspiration during three and one-half years of high school.

FACULTY



Reading from left to right:

BOTTOM ROW: Mr. Keyes, Miss Smith, Miss Stadtman,
Miss Bottenfield, and Mr. Nicol

TOP ROW: Mr. Holley, Mrs. Turner, Miss Schulze,
Mrs. Dewhirst, and Mr. Viseur



Miss Gouwens



Mr. Braden

FACULTY

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- Mr. W. D. Keyes--Principal, History.
Illinois Wesleyan University--B.A.--University of Illinois
--M. A. --University of Colorado.
- Miss Catherine Smith--Commerce, English.
Illinois State Normal University--B. Ed.
- Miss Elizabeth Stadtman--Commerce.
Illinois State Normal University--Bachelor of Ed.
- Miss Lois Bottenfield--Latin, English.
University of Illinois--B. A. -- M. A.
- Mr. M. J. Nicol--Agriculture.
Illinois State Normal University--B. Ed.--Iowa State
College, State University of Iowa.
- Mr. James Holley--Science.
Illinois State Normal University--B. Ed. -- Columbia
University, Aimes, Iowa.
- Mrs. R. E. Turner--English.
Southern Illinois State Teacher's College -- B. Ed.
- Miss Mildred Schulze--Mathematics.
Illinois State Normal University--B. Ed.
- Mrs. Dewhirst--Orchestra.
Milliken University--Bachelor of Music
- Mr. W. Viseur--Coach, Social Science.
Eastern Illinois State Teacher's College--B. Ed.
- Miss Caroline Gouwens--Home Economics.
University of Illinois--Bachelor of Science
- Mr. Sam Braden--Music Teacher

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MILITARY CORPS

Maroa Community High School has organized a military corps as part of their Victory Corps movement. Ninety-five boys make up the corps which is organized in a company of three platoons. The platoons consist of three squads of ten men each. They are equipped with wooden models of the 1903 Springfield rifle. They have a simple, inexpensive khaki uniform consisting of overseas cap, shirt, tie, and trousers. Regular Victory Corps insignia are worn.

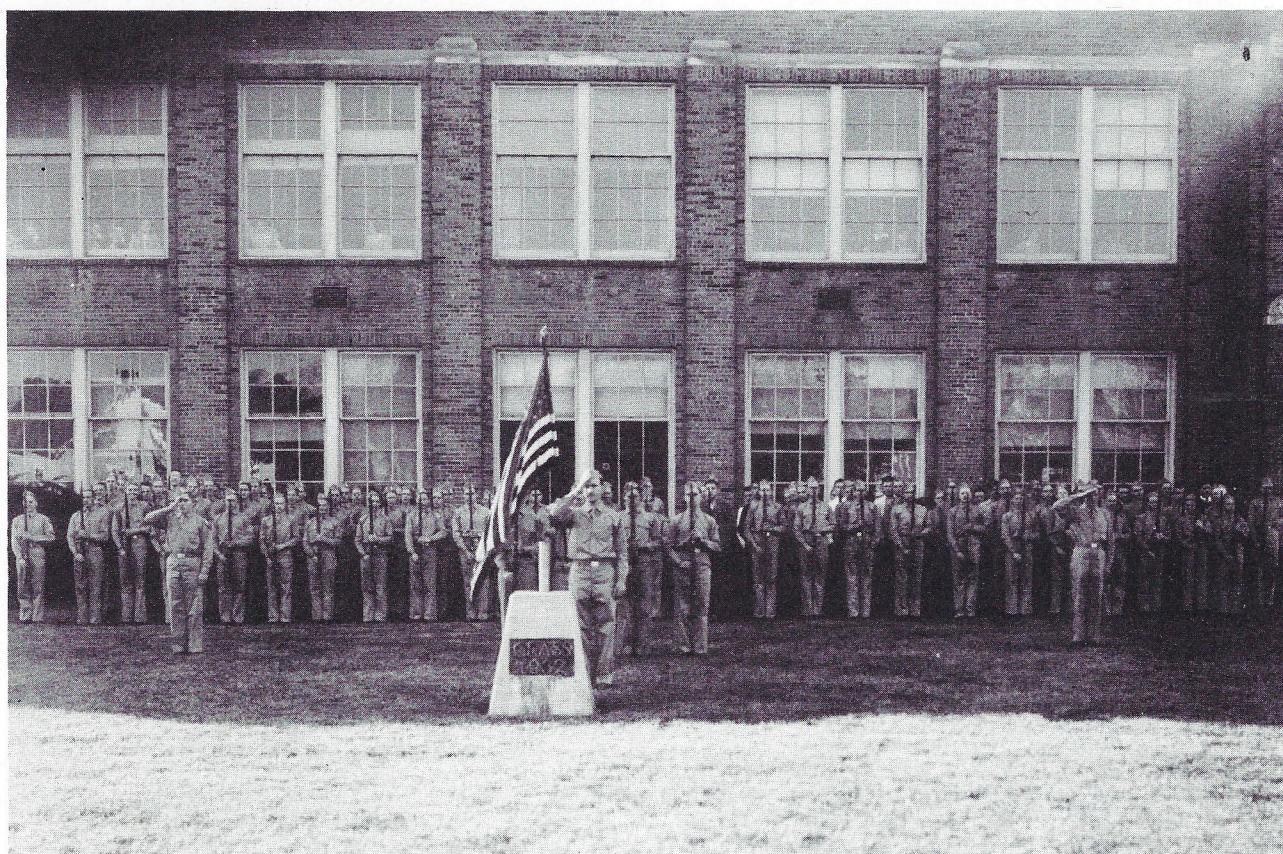
In October, 1942, when we first received the request from the government to organize the Victory Corps, one of the first things we done was to organize a scrap drive. During the discussion by the students as to what should be done with the money be used to further the Victory Corps organization. It was decided by student vote to use the money to equip the military department. The plan was also presented through the Parents' Bullentin to the parents. The American Legion was also contacted. The response and approval was immediate and enthusiastic.

Mr. Keyes and Mr. Nichols having had military training, took over the organization of the unit. Ninety-eight per cent of the boys enthusiastically joined the military division in addition to their general membership in the Victory Corps. Regular war department soldier's handbooks and infantry drill manuals were purchased from Washington, D. C. These are used as a text for discussion and testing on military information.

Mr. Keyes and Mr. Nichols visited the ROTC unit at the University of Illinois. The commander there was very helpful. He delegated officers there to bring the training of the instructors up to date (numerous changes in military procedure had been made in the last few years). He also gave the source for purchasing wooden trainer rifles. These are excellent appearing models, they cannot be distinguished from a regular Springfield rifle at twenty-five feet. The American Legion also loaned a dozen real Springfield rifles. These were issued to the seniors who come under selective service soon. This is to give them the opportunity of becoming familiar with the mechanism and the care of the rifle as soon as possible.

A stage dressing room off the gym was converted into an armory and military headquarters. Mr. Smith, the janitor, built wall racks for the rifles. All rifles were numbered and a supply sergeant put in charge. Student MP's under the supply sergeant are in charge of the armory each hour. These MP's also have monitor duties in the corridors of the building.

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MAROA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL AND THE VICTORY CORPS

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FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE FIRST AID GROUP



JUNIOR AND SENIOR FIRST AID GROUP

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FIRST AID CLASS

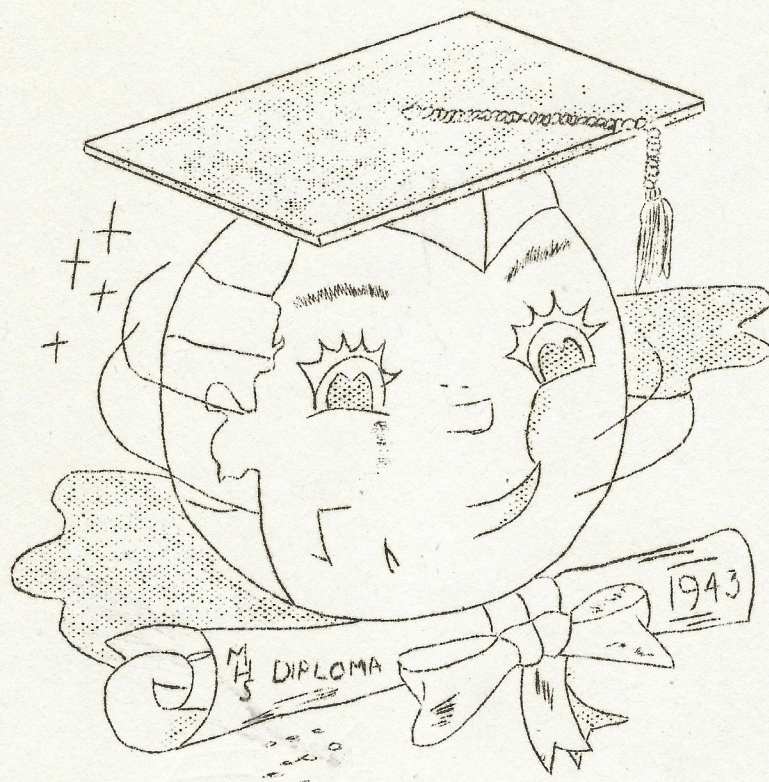
In order for the girls to share more fully in the Victory Corps Program organized for MCHS, all of the girls in school took a first aid course. The freshman and sophomore girls were directed by Miss Catharine Smith, and the upperclassmen had Miss Lois Bottonfield as their instructor. The course was offered not as an additional class to be "taken", but it was given so that some practical experience and knowledge could be gained for one's personal use as well as for use in case of a war emergency.

By way of introduction to the course a couple of lessons were devoted to the anatomy and physiology of the body; only those features which had to do directly with first aid were considered. An important part of the course had to do with various types of bandages. The girls became quite proficient in tying square knots, in applying head, arm, and leg bandages of different kinds. Another group of lessons dealt with the treatment of wounds and the methods of stopping excessive bleeding.

In all elementary first aid courses the administration of artificial respiration is, of course, included. The girls learned how to use the prone pressure method of giving artificial respiration so that they can give immediate treatment to people whose breathing has stopped.

Injuries to bones, joints, and muscles were also studied. As first aiders the girls learned what to do and what not to do in cases of fractures, sprains, strains, and dislocations. Discussions were held upon the topic of injuries due to heat and cold. So that the students would know what to do in common emergencies, such as colds, earaches, and insect bites, a few lessons were devoted to these everyday problems. The last class period dealt with the transportation of people who have had serious injuries.

Obviously this part of the High School Victory Program in which the girls have participated is an important phase from the viewpoint of civilian cooperation in the war effort. Also it is true that such information which has been gained can be of general use in ordinary everyday life.

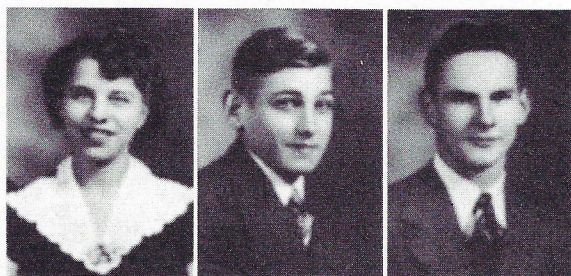


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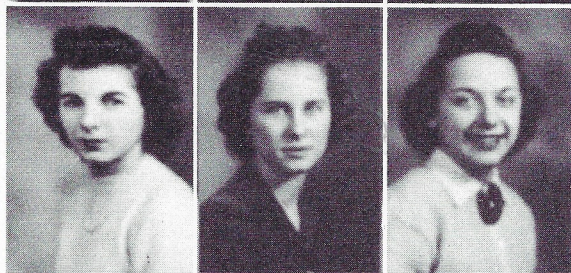
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Marguerite Barowski

Dean Burns

James Clough



Virginia Cramer

Charlotte Creekmur

Mary Alice Current



James Current

Betty Davis

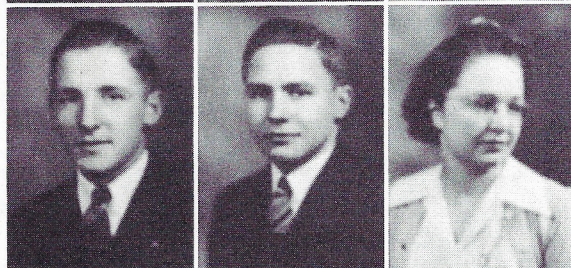
Louise Dial



Betty Dunham

Wesley Gardner

Shirley Heil



Albert Heim

Allen Jones

Audrey Jump

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JoAnn Longsdorff

Bernard Margenthaler

Barbara Marlatt



Marjorie Massey

Edna Matheny

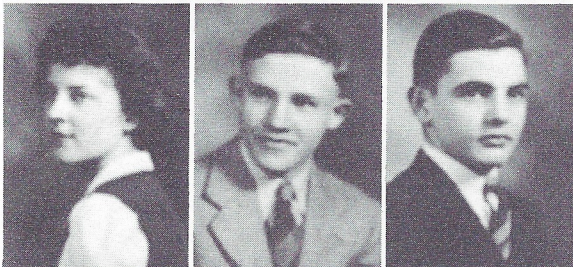
Herschel McKown



Irene Mee

John Ross Miller

John Rose



Shirley Lou Smith

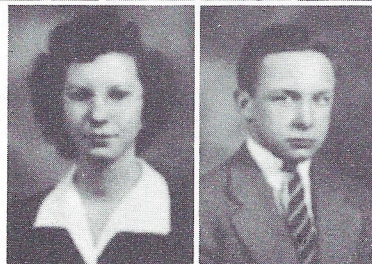
Betty Lou Stoutenborough

Richard Tuggle



Naomi Wheeler

Clarence Young



SENIORS

Sayings for pictures

Carl Anderson--"Andy"--"Pleasure and action make the hours seem short." Hi-Y 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Camera Club 1, 2; Radio 3, 4.

Russell Eugene Baldwin--"Pop"--"Boy is he fast (On the football field, of course.)" Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2; Class Play 3; Blue & Gold 3; Camera Club 1, 2; Radio 3, 4.

Marguerite Borowski--"Boski"--"Dark, peppy, ambitious."

Dean Burns--"Dizz"--"Not to be hurried or confused."
Radio Club 1; Hi-Y 2.

James Edward Clough--"Speedy"--"Timid? Not if you know him."
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3; Annual Staff 4; Camera Club 3.

Virginia Rae Cramer--"Inch"--"A small bundle-gobs of fun."
Home Ec. Club 2, 3, Secretary 3; G. A. A. 1, 2; Class Play 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Pep Committee 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Blue & Gold 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4.

Charlotte Eloise Creekmur--"Crutch"--"A witty woman is a treasure." Home Ec. Club 2, 3, 4, President 2; G. A. A. 1, 2; Class Play 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Blue & Gold 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

Mary Alice Current--"Tubby"--"Peppy, dark, friendly."
Home Ec. Club 3; Class Play 4; Annual Staff 4; Hi-Tri 3, 4, Secretary 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Homecoming Queen 3; Class Treasurer 3.

James Richard Current--"Big-foot"--"Manly, interesting, athletic."
Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Class Play 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, Chaplin 3, President 4; Radio Club 2.

Betty Davis--"Bet"--"A friendly, nice, quiet girl."
Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 2, 3, 4.

Helen Louise Dial--"Squeezy"--"Full of talky talk and smiles."
Home Ec. Club 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Blue & Gold 2, 4; Hi-Tri 2, 3, 4.

Betty Dunham--"Lily"--"Why couldn't she have been here four years?" Home Ec. Club 3, 4; Hi-Tri 4; Basketball 2, 3.

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George Wesley Gardner--"Spud"--"A pleasant fellow-nice to know, putting on airs with him doesn't go." Football 3; Track 1, 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Camera Club 1, 2, 3; Class Officer Treasurer 2, Vice President 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4.

Shirley L. Heil--"Doc"--"Such a precious little giggle." Home Ec. Club 3, 4, President 3; Class Play 3, 4; One Act Plays 1, 2; Annual Staff Co-editor; Student Council; Pep Committee 4; Blue & Gold 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

Albert Eugene Heim--"Red"--"If you opened up his heart, you'd probably find June Hughes." Radio Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Class Play 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Class officer, Vice President 2; Pep Committee 3; Orchestra 2, 3; Hi-Y 2, 3.

William Allen Jones--"Prince"--"My only books are women's looks." Class Play 4; Annual Staff, Co-editor; Orchestra 1, 3, 4; Class officer 1, 3; Blue & Gold 3, 4; F. F. A. 1; Hi-Y 1; Camera Club 1, 3; Radio Club 4.

Audrey Jump--"Bashful"--"A small, blonde, quiet girl." Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 1, 2, 3, 4; Blue & Gold 4.

Everett Frank Leisner--"Grasshopper"--"I graduate with pleasure-not honor." Basketball 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Hi-Y 2; F. F. A. 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3.

Ethel JoAnn Longsdorff--"Joan"--"Studious, good natured, and a friend to them all." Home Ec. Club 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; Cheerleader 2, 3; Class Play 3; Annual Staff 4; Class Officer 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2; Blue & Gold 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Camera Club 2, 3; Librarian 4.

Robert Bernard Margenthaler--"Pee Wee"--"All business-Monkey business." Radio Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; F. F. A. 1; Camera Club 1, 2; Blue & Gold 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 4.

Barbara Cathryn Marlatt--"Barb"--"A woman's heart, like the moon, is always changing, but there's always a man in it." Home Ec. Club 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2; Camera Club 2, 3; Annual Staff 4; Class Officer 3; Blue & Gold 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3.

Marjorie Lois Massey--"Marj"--"A gal who never failed a friend." G. A. A. 1, 2; Camera Club 2; Annual Staff 4; Class Officer 4, Secretary; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Blue & Gold 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4.

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Edna Marie Matheny--"Edny"--"True to her work, her word, and her friends." Hi-Tri 3, 4; Glee Club 4.

Herschel Glenn McKown--"McCoon"--"A swell fellow liked by all--taken seriously by none." Radio Club 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Officer 4, President; Blue & Gold 4; Hi-Y 3, 4.

Alice Irene Mee--"Reni"--"Kind and sweet
She's always neat."
Home Ec. Club 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; Class Play 3; Annual Staff 4; Class officer 1; Pep Committee 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Blue & Gold 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4.

John Ross Miller--"Shadow"--"Worry kills men--I'm in the best of health." Class Play 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2; Student Council 4; Camera Club 1, 2; Class President 1; Annual Staff 4; Blue & Gold 3.

John Edwin Rose--"Skunk"--"Sportive, dark, good-natured."
Football 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Student Council 4, President; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3; Annual Staff 4.

Shirley Lou Smith--"Luddie"--"An energetic worker, accomplished and capable in many ways." Class Play 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Blue & Gold 1, 2, 3, 4, Editor 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 2.

Betty Lou Stoutenborough--"Stooge"--"Quiet and sincere with success her main object." Student Council 1, 3, Vice President 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Blue & Gold 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Home Ec. Club 2, 3; G. A. A. 1, 2; Class Play 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Camera Club 2.

Richard Rex Tuggle--"Rex"--"Add his looks and manners to a convertible and a "C" card and ya got sumpin, sister."
Class Officer 4, Treasurer; F. F. A. 2, 3, 4, President 4; Annual Staff 4.

Naomi Vivian Wheeler--"Nomi"--"She can pass and bounce and bat the ball, She likes these sports and is good in them all."
G. A. A. 2; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 1; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Camera Club 2, 3.

Clarence Young--"Cy"--"Happy, laughing, talking, onward through life he goes." Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, Sergeant of Arms; Class officer 2, Treasurer.

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We are very proud of Carl Anderson and Russell Baldwin. These boys left us this year to join the Navy, but we still consider them members of our class. We wish them the best of luck, always.

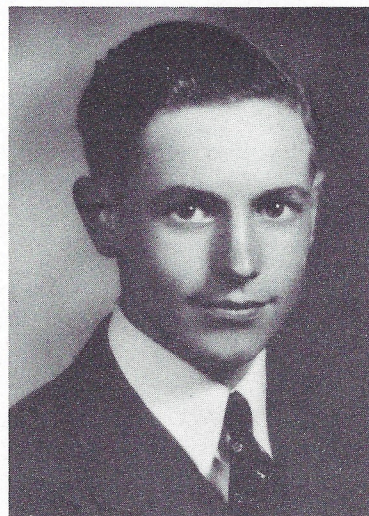
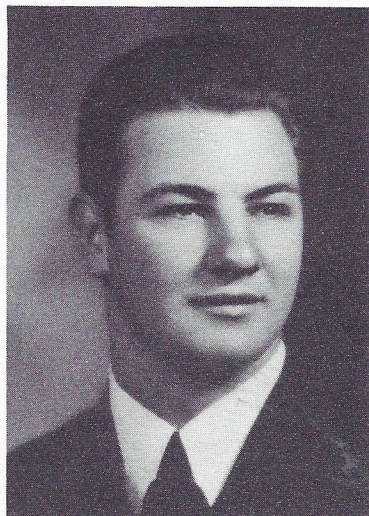
ANNUAL STAFF

The Annual is published each year by the members of the Senior Class. This year the editors were Shirley Heil and Allen Jones. Assistant editors were Jo Ann Longsdorff and Richard Tuggle.

Annuals were distributed the last week of school and two hundred copies were sold.

Miss Stadtman was the sponsor.

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Russell Baldwin Carl Anderson
Our Two Senior Boys in the Navy



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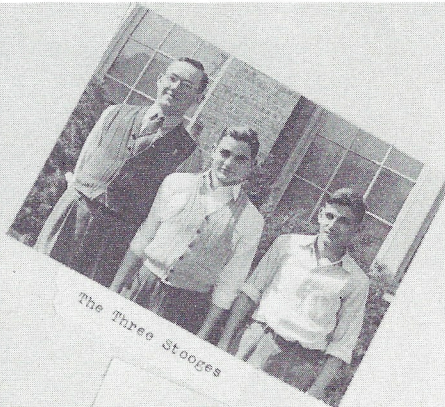
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Three Musketeers



M.C.H.S. secretary



The Three Stooges



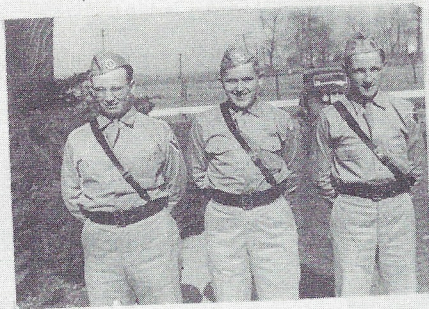
The best of pals always



Two swell guys



G. O. B. H. C. H.



Victory Corps Officers



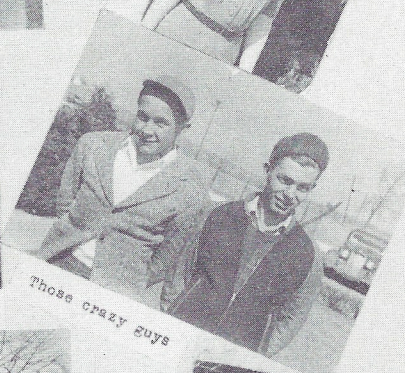
VICTORY CORPS



Classmates All



Happy about the whole thing



Those crazy guys



Correspondent



Still plodding along together



Just "Inch"

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CLASS HISTORY

In the year 1939, 26 freshmen started down the long road called High School Days. We were carefully supervised by Miss Maxine Beutke who helped lead us on the straight road to success.

Our student supervisors were John Ross Miller, President; JoAnn Longsdorff, Vice-President; Irene Mee, Secretary; and Allen Jones, Treasurer.

Our teachers were Mr. Nicols, Mr. Keves, Miss Stadtman, Miss Maxine Beutke, Miss Schulze, Miss Sutton, Miss Bottenfield, Mr. Swan, and Mr. England.

Our class showed some Artistic ability in making a prize winning float for the Homecoming Parade that year.

In our Sophomore days there were thirty-six students. During the year Barney Holladay, Henry Gentry, Norma Larson left our group and Jim Current joined us making a total of thirty-four at the end of the year. At a Fall Festival sponsored by the P. T. A., a member of our class, Dorothy Jones, was elected Festival Queen.

Officers for this year were Albert Heim, President; Wesley Gardner, Vice-President; Nancy Marchl, Secretary; and Clarence Young, Treasurer. John Ross Miller and Norma Larson were members of the Student Council and Jack Caplinger and Dorothy Jones were on the Pep Committee.

Mr. Swan left our presence to become a Medical Student while Mr. Lloyd took his place in the science department.

Journeying farther to become Juniors we added Max Niles and Alreva Fairchild to our roll but unfortunately Charles Streich, Nancy Marchl, and Ruth Streight left us. Another member of our class, Mary Alice Current, was crowned Homecoming Queen.

Officers this year were Barbara Marlatt, President; Allen Jones, Vice-President; Wesley Gardner, Secretary; and Mary Alice Current, Treasurer. Betty Lou Stoutenborough and Virginia Cramer were Student Council members and Everett Leisner and Albert Heim were on the Pep Committee.

A few changes were made in our teachers. Mr. Holley took the place of Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Viscur replaced Mr. England.

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In our Junior year, a play was given entitled "Wedding Spells". The cast included JoAnn Longsdorff, Betty Lou Stoutenborough, Shirley Lou Smith, Shirley Heil, Virginia Cramer, Clarence Young, Albert Heim, John Ross Miller, Herschel McKown, Ruth Streight, Irene Mee, and Russell Baldwin under the direction of Miss Sutton.

During the summer Miss Beutke became Mrs. Harold Carpenter. When she left in February of this year, Miss Studtman became our Home Room Advisor.

In the last mile of our road at Maroa High we began with 35 students. Betty Dunham joined us in our last year while Alreva Fairchild and Doran Welty left our group. Doris Gordy, Marquerite Borowski and Everett Leisner finished at mid-term reducing our number.

Our officers were: Herschel McKown, President; Wesley Gardner, Vice-President; Marjorie Massey, Secretary; and Richard Tuggle, Treasurer. John Ross Miller and John Rose were our Student council members and Irene Mee and Shirley Heil were on the Pep Committee.

A very successful play was given entitled "Don't Keep Him Waiting". Those taking part were Betty Lou Stoutenborough, Jim Current, Allen Jones, Albert Heim, Shirley Lou Smith, Charlotte Creekmur, Virginia Cramer, John Ross Miller, Shirley Heil, Herschel McKown, Clarence Young, and Mary Alice Current.

During our Senior year there were many changes in teachers. We increased our number of teachers adding Miss Smith. Mrs. Barnes replaced Miss Sutton and Mrs. Turner relieved Mrs. Barnes. Miss Gouwens filled the vacancy in our Home Ec. Department.

JoAnn Longsdorff received the Good Citizenship D. A. R. Award.

We had several good athletes in our class. In football was Clarence Young, Jim Current, John Rose, Hershel McKown, John Ross Miller. Representing us in Basketball was Jim Current, Clarence Young, John Ross Miller, and Everett Leisner.

Our Class is very proud of Carl Anderson and Russell Baldwin. Carl and Russell joined the Navy in January of this year, and you can bet that every one of us is right behind each of them.

As we see that the end of our journey is here we have but one remark to make. We're hoping that those who follow our road through High School Days will have had the experiences, the good times, and the many fond memories that we have had in good old M. C. H. S.

CLASS POEM

Four years we have struggled and fought to win,
Most of us have climbed the grade;
Our teachers have taught us to work with a grin,
And for this we'll be duely paid.

As we journey along the road to success,
We may stumble and fall by the way;
But the hands that have pushed us and helped us to win,
Will be there to brighten the day.

So as we part, and we each go our way,
We think back through the past few years;
Laughter and fun have reached us all,
And together we've shared the tears.

For some, success, is not far away,
To others it's still just a prayer;
Yet we all look forward and we'll do our best,
Till the roll has been taken up there.

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SENIOR CLASS WILL OF 1943

- I, Carl Anderson, bequeath my courage and desire to join the Navy to Bob Wentworth.
- I, Russell Eugene Baldwin, bequeath my athletic ability to Joe Vaughan.
- I, Marguerite Borowski, bequeath my motorcycle riding ability to Harriett Carder so she may accompany Douglas Fleming.
- I, Dean Burns, bequeath my quietness to Elwood Crutcher so that he will not cause so much trouble in study halls.
- I, James Edward Clough, bequeath my chauffeuring job to George Dial so he may take the boys to Kenny.
- I, Virginia Rae Cramer, bequeath my stature to Elsie Simpson so she may get along in the world as well as I did.
- I, Charlotte Eloise Creekmur, bequeath my singing ability to Joan Marsh so she may entertain the girls in Hi-Tri.
- I, Mary Alice Current, bequeath my dark, curly hair to Kathryn Goff.
- I, James Richard Current, bequeath my basket ball ability to Benney Myers so he may play on the first team next year.
- I, Betty Davis, bequeath my shorthand ability to any one who takes it and can make the grades that I did.
- I, Helen Louis Dial, bequeath my letter writing ability to Marguerite Anderson.
- I, Betty Dunham, bequeath my conscientiousness to Jack James.
- I, George Wesley Gardner, bequeath my farming ability to Donald McKool.
- I, Shirley L. Heil, bequeath my cousin Danny Birt to Freda Thomas so she may carry on where I left off.
- I, Albert Eugene Heim, bequeath June Hughes to John Spooner so he can take care of her when I'm not around.

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- I, William Allen Jones, bequeath my business manner to Donald Shuey.
- I, Audrey Jump, bequeath my shyness to Bille Ann Hoffman.
- I, Everett Frank Leisner, bequeath my ability to hitch - hike to Joe Saville.
- I, Ethel Joan Longsdorff, bequeath my ability of studying so hard to Phyllis Marlatt, who, by the way may need it.
- I, Robert Bernard Margenthaler, bequeath my mischievousness to Emmett Girard.
- I, Barbara Cathryn Marlatt, bequeath my dimples to Marion Johnson.
- I, Marjorie Lois Massey, bequeath my seat in Don McKool's car to Evelyn Marsh so there will be an extra seat in Joe's car.
- I, Edna Marie Matheny, bequeath my long finger nails to Audrey Beasley.
- I, Herschel Glenn McKown, bequeath my high rating as an officer in the Victory Corps to Jack Cockran.
- I, Alice Irene Mee, bequeath Virgil Wikoff to Shirley Bolen.
- I, John Ross Miller, bequeath my ability of getting around to Richard Griffith so he may enjoy the world as I did.
- I, John Edwin Rose, bequeath my nickname to my brother, Possum.
- I, Shirley Lou Smith, bequeath my long red hair to Betty Hughes.
- I, Betty Lou Stoutenborough, bequeath my typing ability to Verna Vaughan.
- I, Richard Rex Tuggle, bequeath my good looks to John Osborne so he may be a man of the world.
- I, Naomi Vivian Wheeler, bequeath my bicycle to Willa Mae Comer so she may get to school early every morning.
- I, Clarence Young, bequeath my talking all the time to Jack James so he may keep the conversation going.

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CLASS PROPHECY

You have heard the history of our high school days and our last will and testament as we leave; now let us look into the future. May I take you to St. Louis where the class of 1943 is holding a reunion in July, 1953.

Ah! What a beautiful day it is here in St. Louis. As I gaze from the pier where our boat is docked, I see several friends gathering for a reunion. This group graduated from the Maroa High School on April 30, 1943. This is the first time in ten years that they have met. They seem to be having a wonderful time reminiscing. Come with me down to the boat and meet a few of the classmates as they arrive. I am anxious to meet and talk with my old classmates and pals of M.C.H.S.

Look whom I see immediately! None other than Judge J.R. Miller and his wife, the former Charlotte Creekmur. Well, life's like that.

A little behind them comes three girls: Betty Davis, Audrey Jump, and Edna Matheney, still pals as they were in '43. I am informed by Charlotte Creekmur Miller that they are nurses at the great Research Hospital in Chicago.

Well, well, well, I can hear Cy Young coming, loudly discussing sports with Dean Burns. You might know Cy would be talking about sports. He tells me that he is a pitcher for the Cubs and Dean Burns is the sports writer.

Here comes Mary Current strolling leisurely along. She's made a name for herself. The public is enthusiastically praising here latest picture "Don't Keep Him Waiting."

It seems there is always a teacher from every class and we are not lacking here. I understand that Bernard Morgenthaller is a famous Agriculture teacher.

I see coming toward the dock two old pals Wesley Gardner and Dick Tuggle. They always said that the farm was the life and they have proved it by being successful farmers.

An aquaplane has just alighted! Who could the pilot be? Oh, it's an Aviatrix, Jo Ann Longsdorff, and the stewardess of the plane, is none other than Irene Mee. She always said she'd be one. Among the passengers I see Mrs. Barney Hinkle the former Virginia Cramer who is making great achievements in music, Louise Dial now New York's debutante, of the season and Barbara Marlatt, hostess of St. Louis's largest hotel. Nice work girls!

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Strutting like bantam roosters up to the boat we hear a cheery "hello" from Jim Clough and John Rose. Can you imagine it? They are co-managers of the 1953 World's Fair. It's bound to be a success under the supervision of these two men.

Cy isn't the only one in sports. I learned from a paper handed to me just before the arrival of Naomi Wheeler, that she too is, in the headlines of sports as the "Tennis Queen of '53.

Alas! I had heard that Albert Heim was a speed demon in the Salt Flats of Salt Lake City, Utah but I thought maybe he wouldn't make it here today. Wrong however, because here he is and Allen Jones is with him. Allen is a cowboy from Tuscon, Arizona. Good old Tuscon!

The Marines have landed! Major Herschel McKown has just arrived. Herschel is still as enthusiastic about the Marines as ever.

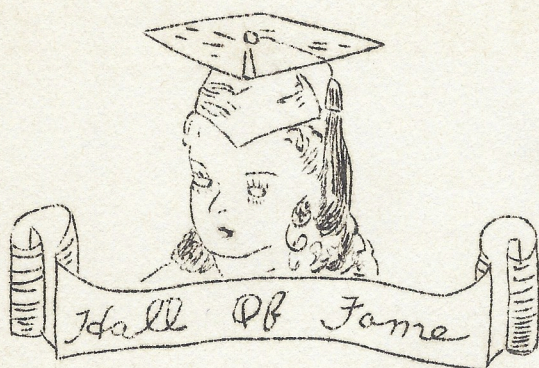
A young man hurries up to me and asks if this is the boat for the Senior reunion. I told him that it was and then I recognized that it was Everett Leisner. He was afraid he would be late because he now owned a saw mill and had been delayed by some his men.

Following him was Betty Dunham now a radio commentator. She gives us all the latest news.

Arriving late and in a flutter is Shirley Heil and Marjorie Massey. Time is getting short but I must tell you what these girls are doing. Shirley completed seven years of college, then met a handsome interne, of course got married but she hopes to finish that last year some time. Marjorie Massey is a traveling missionary in China.

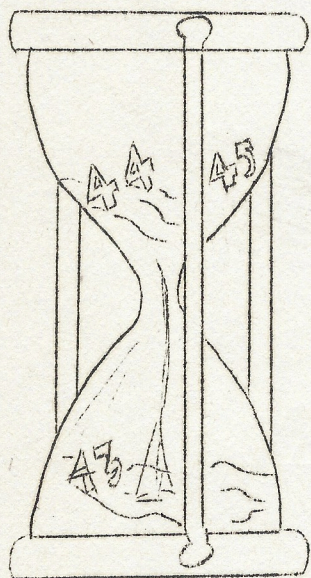
We regret that Russell Baldwin and Carl Anderson cannot be with us today, as they left to join the Navy before they finished their Senior year.

I hope you haven't been bored by my relating to you what my classmates will be doing, however I must close because I see Captain Jimmie Current and his wife the former Betty Lou Stoutenborough ready to come on deck and also with them is the former Shirley Lou Smith just back from her honeymoon in Hawaii. The boat will soon be ready to sail over the still blue waters to what I know will be a happy reunion for the Seniors of '43.

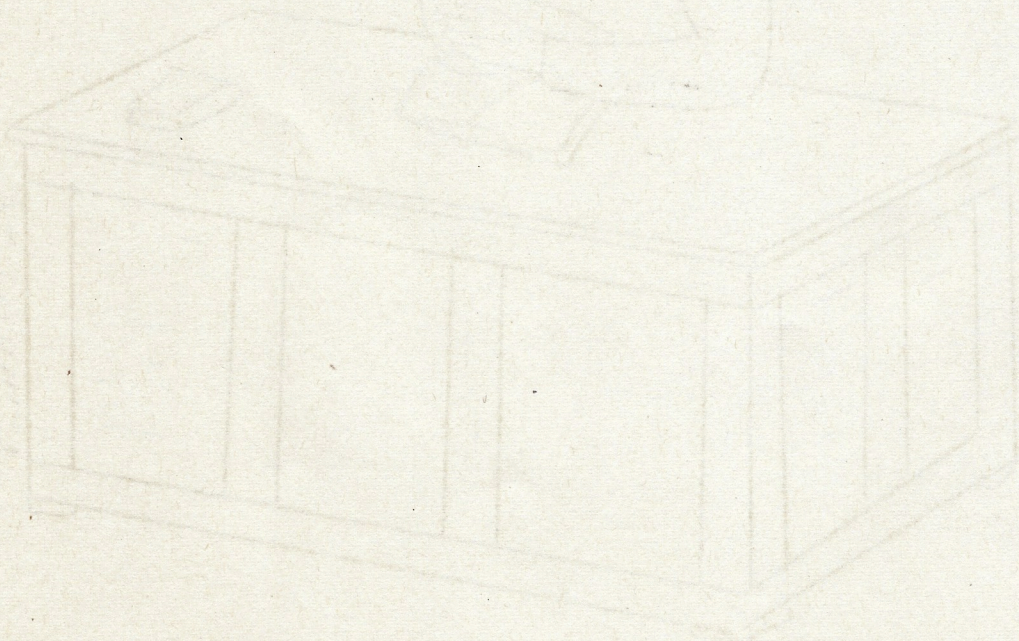


D.A.R. AWARD-----JoAnn Longsdorff
SALUTATORIAN-----Shirleylou Smith
VALEDICTORIAN-----JoAnn Longsdorff
FOOTBALL CAPTAIN-----Clarence Young
BASKETBALL CAPTAIN-----Jim Current
BLUE & GOLD EDITOR-----Shirleylou Smith
MOST POPULAR-----Mary Current
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED-----Jim Current
MOST OUTSTANDING IN SPORTS---Clarence Young

CLASSES



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The pictures and write-ups of the following pages will
give you some idea of our classes and how they run at
M.C.H.S.

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THE FRESHMAN CLASS

At the beginning of the school year the freshman class chose as its officers the following:

President-----Evelyn Marsh
Vice President-----Wanda Biven
Secretary-----Harriet Carder
Treasurer-----Gene Rohrscheib

The freshmen members of the student council were Dick Glosser and Joan Montgomery, and the pep committee members were Udell Leisner and Donald Perkins.

As to be expected, the freshman class was not as active as the other classes. However, it has already been discovered that this group of students is an asset to MCHS, and individual members of the class have proved themselves to have as much ability in various activities of the school as any of the upper classmen.

THE SOPHOMORE CLASS

The sophomore class was sponsored by Coach Viseur. The officers for the year were:

President-----Frances Reichmann
Vice President-----Roger Simms
Secretary-Treasurer-----Freda Thomas

During the school year the sophomores were prominent in many of the schools activities. In athletics we had Danny Birt making the varsity football team and Benny Myers playing on the varsity basketball team. Margaret Gregory and Margaret Crutcher were the cheer-leaders.

Audrey Beasley was elected Vice-President of the State Home Economics Club at East Bay Camp.

During homecoming the Sophomores took the lead. The homecoming Queen, Frances Reichmann, was a sophomore. The judges also picked the sophomore float as the best float.

During the year there were many sophomores on the Honor Roll. Roger Simms, Danny Birt, Della Tozer, Betty Smart, and Juanita Harris took part in one act plays.

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FRESHMAN CLASS

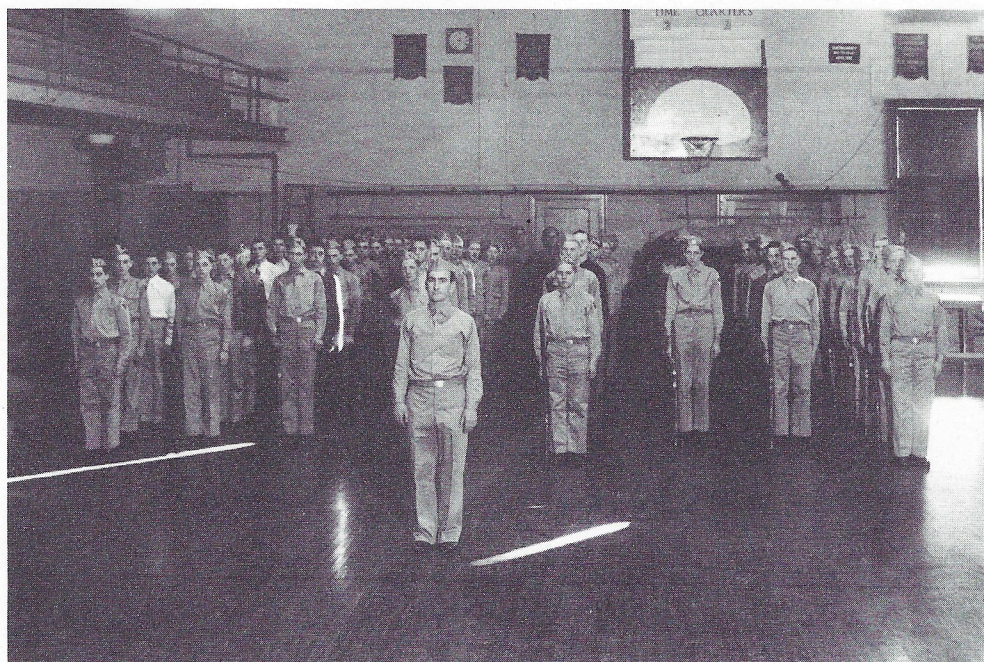


SOPHOMORE CLASS

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JUNIOR CLASS



THE VICTORY CORPS

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JUNIOR CLASS

During most of the year there were about fifty-nine students in the Junior Class. As some of the members dropped out, others came in to take their place. Early in the year, the class elected the following officers:

President -- Bill Hambrecht
Vice-Pres. - Bill Montgomery
Secretary -- Jack Cochran
Treasurer -- Glen Marlow

The class was represented on the Student Council by Laura Ellen Hill and Donald Shuey, while Louise Patterson and Donald Vaughn were its representatives on the Pep Committee.

On November 19, the class play, "Our Girls" was presented before an audience of 150 people. The proceeds from this play, plus the accumulation of three years dues and the money made from candy sales, were used to entertain the Senior Class at the annual Junior-Senior banquet at the Orlando Hotel on April 9.

(MILITARY CORPS CONTINUED)

A merit system has also been set up. Cadets attaining the grade of first class must master the material in the soldier's handbook. They are then given a chevron of one stripe. Infractions of regulations are called to the students attention by recording demerits against him. A student who piles a considerable number of demerits has to take extra drill and instruction to clear his record.

Proficient students desiring to attain non-commissioned and commissioned rank have to undergo special training outside of regular drill hours. Many boys have gained their ranks of officers.

The Senior officers are:

Herschel McKown	Captain
Albert Heim	First Lieutenant
Wesley Gardner	Second Lieutenant
Richard Tuggle	Staff Sergeant
John Ross Miller	Staff Sergeant
Bernard Margenthaler	Staff Sergeant
Allen Jones	Sergeant
James Current	Sergeant
John Rose	Corporal

Discipline, courtesy, maneuverability, punctuality, expertness with the rifle, and physical fitness are being particularly stressed. We believe that we have not given this in too great an amount and too quickly to these boys who will be in the service within a few months.

ACTIVITIES



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The pictures and write-ups that follow will give you some idea of what the students at M.C.H.S. do in their spare time; of the sports, and clubs, we have organized.

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HI TRI

Hi Tri is a Club organized for the girls of Maroa High who are striving to attain success, courtesy, character and friendship. Miss Bottenfield was our only advisor this year.

Officers of this year were:

President	Virginia Cramer
Vice President. . .	Marjorie Massey
Secretary	Mary Alice Current
Treasurer	Betty Lou Stoutenborough

Meetings are held every two weeks on Tuesdays, eighth hour, with each girl taking part in the different programs.

In the election the following officers were chosen for the next year:

President	Joan Marsh
Vice President. . .	Laura Ellen Hill
Secretary	Helen Albert
Treasurer	Billye Ann Hoffman

BLUE AND GOLD

Our school Paper, The Blue and Gold is published once a month in magazine form. Students subscribe for the paper. The staff is chosen in the fall of the year after the students have made application for the various positions.

This year the Blue and Gold staff was headed by Shirley-lou Smith. Her assistant editors were Helen Marie Alberts and Helen Marie Penn.

We have always been proud of our school paper and strive hard each year to keep up its standards. It takes the cooperation of the entire staff to get one issue of the paper ready. Each year the last issue is published entirely by the members of the Junior Class.

Miss Stadtman, commercial teacher, is the faculty sponsor for the Blue and Gold. This year Miss Smith has also helped with the publication.

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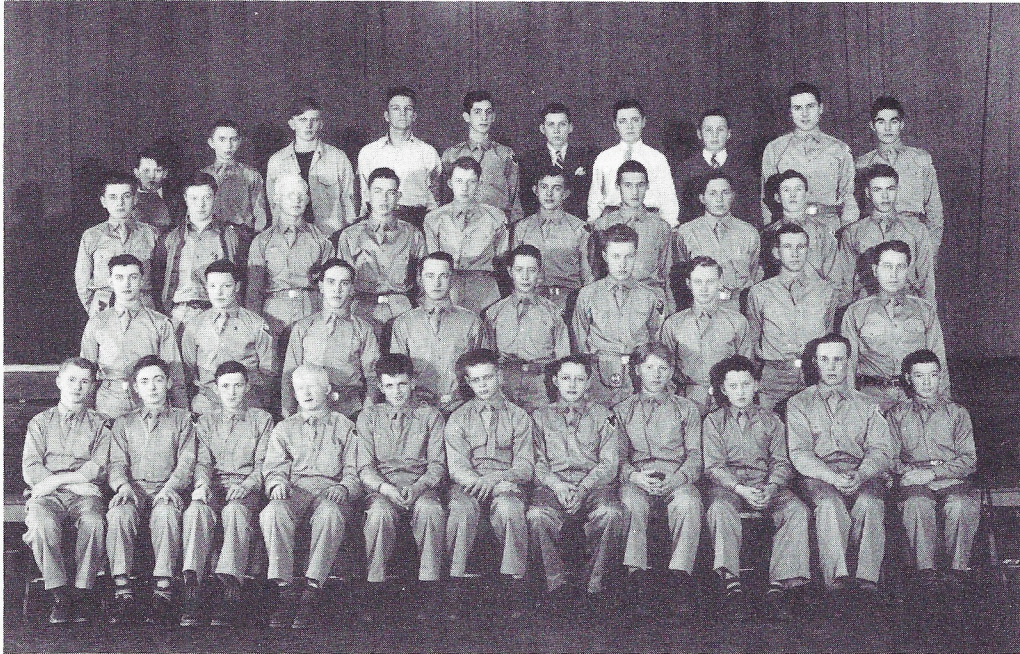


HI-TRI



BLUE AND GOLD STAFF

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F.F.A. CLUB



HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

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F. F. A.

The officers for the year were:

President-Richard Tuggle	Farm Watch Dog-Glen Marlow
Vice-President-George Dial	Advisor-M. J. Nicol
Secretary-Treasury-Roger Simms	Reporter-Don Vaughan

The chapter started off by taking charge of a scrap drive to raise funds which were voted to the victory corps.

In recognition of their efforts in contributing to the war effort by increasing production of essential farm commodities, the chapter received a victory production award from the state office.

This year the chapter invested in two gilts, which they intend to be the beginning of a large enterprise.

Colored pictures in the form of film slides of all projects owned by the boys was another enterprise promoted again this year by the chapter.

Regular meetings were held in spite of a crowded year. One member of the chapter received the state farmer degree at the state convention.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

President-----	Marguerite Helmick
Vice President-----	Frances Reichman
Secretary-----	Helen Marie Albert
Treasurer-----	Laura Ellen Hill
Program Chairman----	Audrey Beasley
Scrapbook Chairman--	Gwenivere Hartsock

Mrs. Carpenter was our leader until February 2nd. Then Miss Gouwens joined our faculty. Our President moved away in March and the Vice President succeeded her.

Our club has been carrying out the victory programs. Many new ideas, substitutes, and defense programs have been discussed during the year. This is the first year we will have a scrapbook to enter a contest. Projects were completed and style shows were given. Pictures of the projects were taken for the scrapbook.

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GLEE CLUB

More than seventy of the one hundred girls in school this year were members of the Glee Club. This made the group so large that it had to meet in two sections. Because so many new activities were placed in the curriculum, the Glee Club was not very active, but the girls managed to learn some of the loyalty songs of the large universities, and a small group of them broadcast carols over the public address system during the Christmas party.

ORCHESTRA

Under the excellent direction of Mrs. Dewhirst the orchestra had another successful year. The orchestra had to cut out their night rehearsals, leaving only Monday afternoons. This year the orchestra gave a spring musical as usual. Mrs. Dewhirst had arranged for some special numbers including a color guard, made up of three boys from the Victory Corps and three girls from the school. Joan Marsh was our majorette. Virginia Cramer and Betty L. Stoutenborough; and Joan and Evelyn Marsh were two piano teams that played. The orchestra also played at the Decatur Club, for class plays, and for P. T. A.

Violins:

Marjorie Massey
Louise Patterson
Harriet Carder
Maude Davis
Elta Roney
Norma J. Hockaday
Evelyn Marsh
Norma J. Stuard

Piano:

Virginia Cramer
Ruth Larrick

Saxophone:

Betty L. Stoutenborough
Netha Peel

Trombone:

Roger Simms
Jim Leach

Clarinets:

Wesley Gardner
Naomi Wheeler

Cornets:

James Stoutenborough
Betty Gillen
Loota Malone
Allen Jones
Larry Tremple
Dick Pinney
John Leach

Drums:

Thelma Groves
Joan Marsh
Harry E. Likoff
Betty Smart
Carl Riley

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GLEE CLUB



ORCHESTRA

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LIBRARIANS



RADIO CLASS

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LIBRARIANS

The girl whom you saw charging out books and checking shelves during your study period in the library this year was one of the following: Ruth Bricker; Shirley Bolen; Bonnie Faber; Laura Ellen Hill; June Hughes; Audrey Jump; Carol Jean Kirby; Billie Ann Hoffman; Edna Matheny; Barbara Marlatt; Helen Marie Penn; Roberta Rogers; Shirley Lou Smith; Betty Lou Stoutenborough; Mary Ellen Wikoff; Jo Ann Longsdorff; and Helen Marie Albert.

RADIO CLASS

The radio class was introduced into our High School last year. The course is designed to give pre-induction training as basic preparation for signal corps work in the armed forces. It is divided into principally three types of work: radio code, radio theory, construction and repair work. Radio Code practice averages about 15 to 20 minutes a day. Students usually obtain code speed of 10 words a minute by the end of the year. This helps them greatly in their later training as members of the signal corps or as aviation cadets, who must attain this speed. Elementary radio theory is taught from amateur handbook and by lecture. Construction work is carried on at our equipped radio bench. Some of the projects constructed are: one tube oscillators, two tube receivers, two tube amplifiers, and four tube neutrodyn, and four tube super-hets. Some transmitter construction was also carried out. Transmitter design and bench experimentation was done. This should enable the boys to rapidly complete their training in the armed forces with better achievement.

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PEP COMMITTEE

The pep committee did its usual job this year of supervising the Homecoming activities. In addition, they had charge of football ticket sales in the home rooms. The various classes were represented as follows: Seniors: Irene Mee and Shirley Heil; Juniors: Louise Patterson and Donald Vaughan; Sophomores: Lester Myers and Danny Hirt; Freshmen: Udell Leisner and Donald Perkins. Margaret Gregory and Margaret Crutcher, who represented the school as cheer leaders, were also members of this committee.

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STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council is an organization to assist in the government of the school. It is composed of two representatives from each home room, elected at the beginning of the school year. It is a tradition that the president shall be elected from the senior members. The council sponsors such things as school parties, homecoming, special group activities, and changes in school regulations, and etc. For example, if the point system needs revision it is the work of the student council to investigate the situation and confer with the faculty for such revision. Until recently two faculty members have acted as advisors for the student council. Due to the many changes in the teaching staff, new advisors will have to be appointed for the coming year. The officers and representatives this year are:

President-----John Rose
Vice President--Laura Ellen Hill
Secy. & Treas.--Gwenievere Hartsock

Senior representatives----John Rose & John R. Miller
Junior representatives----Donald Shuey & Laura Hill
Sophomore representatives--Bennie Myers & Gwen. Hartsock
Freshman representatives--Dick Glosser & Joan Montgomery

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PEP COMMITTEE

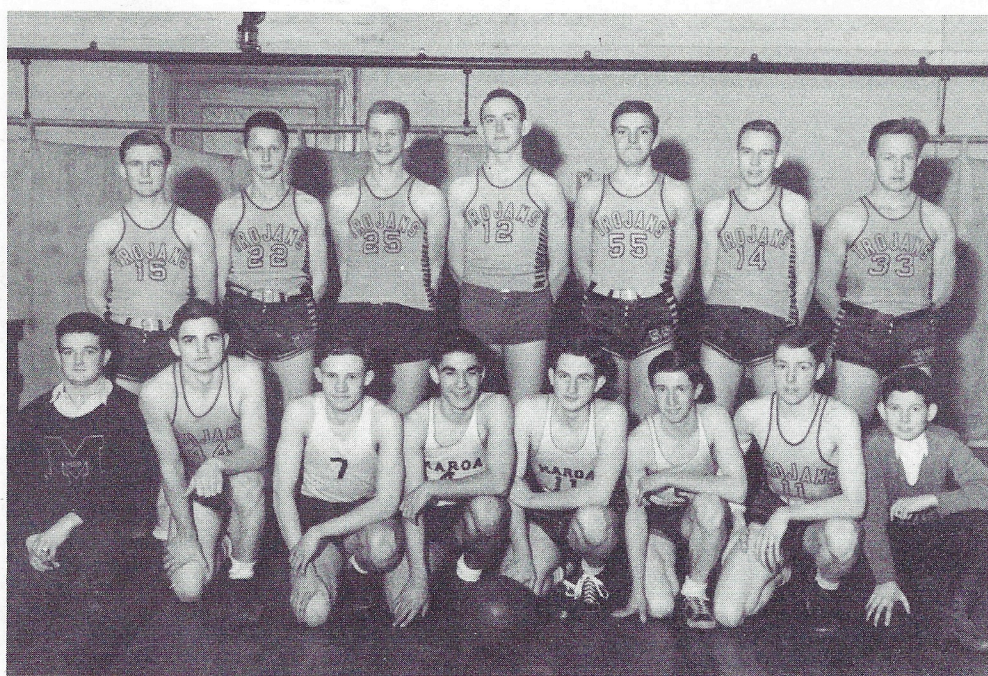


STUDENT COUNCIL

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FOOTBALL TEAM



BASKETBALL TEAM

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MAROA HIGH FOOTBALL 1943

In looking over Maroa High's football record one is likely to be discouraged. And rightly so, because a record of 1 victory, 1 tie, and 4 losses in 6 games is easy to beat.

The Trojans on paper seemed a pretty fine team, but on the field they were an entirely different team. Tumbles, listlessness, lack of coordination, and injuries cost Maroa several touchdowns.

This year's team was a green one with only 3 veterans returning. Six seniors plus five juniors formed Maroa's eleven. They were John Ross Miller, LE; Herschel McKown, Lt; John Rose, LG; Bill Montgomery, C; Glen Marlow, RG; Russell Baldwin, RT; James Current, RE; Clarence Young, FB; Paul Caldwell, LHB; Robert Wentworth, RHB; and Joe Vaughn, QB.

Here is a brief sketch of each game in the order they were played.

Decatur B The Trojans started off on the right foot by stopping Decatur's "B" squad 6-0. The game was played on Decatur's field which was very hard and gusty. In a game which was full of fumbles our boys were guilty of 7 of them. Maroa scored in the 2nd quarter when Captain Young went around left end for 9 yards and a touchdown. Decatur never threatened although they passed plenty.

Bement In a game played under adverse conditions Maroa suffered the first of 4 setbacks. It was administered to the tune of 14-0 by Bement. In the last minutes of the final quarter Young caught a pass good for 80 yards and a touchdown, but it was called back because of Backfield in motion.

Lovington For the first time in 18 years a Maroa football team was defeated in it's annual Homecoming game. Scoring in the 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarter, the Panthers spoiled our Homecoming with ease. Maroa's only tally came when Captain Cy Young sprinted on the opening kickoff of the 2nd half. Maroa put up a better fight then the score shows, but the Lovington boys took advantage of our lapses.

Illiopolis In a hard fought battle Illiopolis downed the Trojans 13-0. Illiopolis scored in the 1st and 3rd quarters. Maroa threatened in the 4th quarter but lost the ball on a bad pass.

Assumption Playing at Assumption without the services of Young, Caldwell, and Marlow, Maroa was trounced 19-0. Meeting a light team with a backfield of slippery squirts the Trojans played their worst game of the year. Tackling was poor

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and rare, and so was blocking. Assumption scored in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters and were almost at the goal line again when the final gun went off.

Shelbyville Showing a team which was very much heavier than ours all the Rams could do was to earn a 7-7 tie. Striking in the first quarter on a pass Shelbyville had all the way until in the last quarter Young intercepted a pass and was downed inches short of a touchdown. On the next play Joe Vaughn went over. Young added the extra point on a pass play. Shelbyville was constantly riddling Maroa's line but couldn't go all the way. They weighed 189 lbs. to Maroa's 155 lbs. as a team.

The Squad Members are:

Seniors

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Cy Young | 5. Russell Baldwin |
| 2. John Miller | 6. Jim Current |
| 3. Herschel McKown | 7. Jim Clough |
| 4. John Rose | 8. Everett Leisner |

Juniors

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. John Spooner | 7. Elwood Crutcher |
| 2. Glenn Marlow | 8. Joe Vaughn |
| 3. Robert Wentworth | 9. Bill Montgomery |
| 4. Russell Wentworth | 10. Robert Camp |
| 5. Paul Caldwell | 11. Virgil Wikoff |
| 6. Junior Riley | 12. Billy Joe Vaughn |

Sophmores

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ben Myers | 4. Jimmy Montgomery |
| 2. Danny Birt | 5. Dick Tozer |
| 3. Jack James | |

Freshmen

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. R. Rose | 5. Morris |
| 2. D. Vaughn | 6. Roschlieb |
| 3. J. Perry | 7. H. Pulliam |
| 4. Hambrecht | |

Judge Cochran was a very capable manager and will undoubtedly be quite valuable to next years team.

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BASKETBALL

Maroa finished its basketball season with five wins and fifteen losses. This is not as bad as it seems, since we lost several games by less than ten points. We played in one overtime in our first game with St. Teresa losing by one point. In our standing in the Cenois Conference we were in a three way tie for fourth place.

In the three tournaments we played in we didn't win a game. In the Argenta Blind Tournament we were defeated by Argenta and Weldon. Niantic played us in the first round of the Macon County and beat us, to go on to win the championship. At Clinton Regional we drew Bloomington and were defeated.

Some of the best games played this year were played against us but it was in these games that we made our best showing. The coach tried several different styles of play using a number of zones at the first of the year but sometimes shifting to a man to man. Most of the year we used a slow breaking game. However, the last of the season we started to use a fast break with short quick passes. Maroa had some of its best prospects of the year, but they did not seem to turn out very well. Maroa lacked some one who could be depended on to consistently score. Maroa seemed to blow up when the pressure was on and could have a big lead but loose it as soon as they were rushed a little. The scoring was led by Current with 216, Young 150, Hambrecht 134, Wentworth 54, and Montgomery 45. As much as this seems, if we had hit half of our shots some of these boys would have made well over 175 points. Benny Myers was the 6th man and worked well on the first and second team seeing action on both teams.

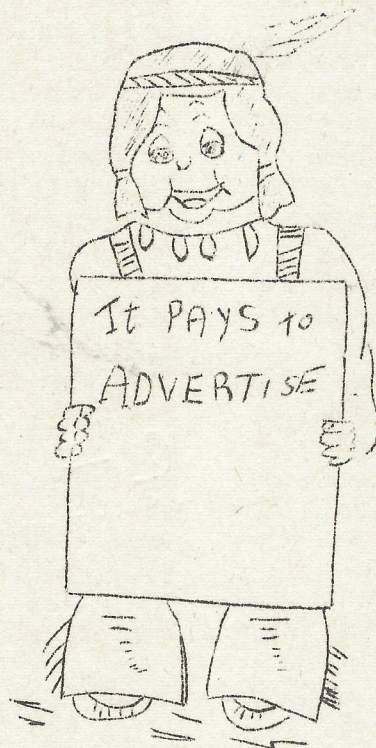
The second team won 6 and lost 9 this year. This is partly due to the injuries of Billy Vaughn who missed the games at the end of the season with a broken arm and Ben Myers who had an infected foot. The squad was made up of about 15 regular players Jim Current, Cy Young, Bill Montgomery, Bill Hambrecht Robert Wentworth, Benny Myers, Everett Leisner, John Rose, Elwood Crutcher, Billy Vaughn, John Spooner, Russle Wentworth, Joe Vaughn, John Ross Miller, Howard Pulliam. The prospects for next year are good with only two first team men leaving and plenty of second team men left. The team was coached by Woodrow Viseur.

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Our schedule for the year was:

Maroa 38	Stonington 27
Maroa 23	Alumni 24
Maroa 19	Argenta 23
Maroa 27	Weldon 34
Maroa 39	Warrensburg 20
Maroa 15	Argenta 48
Maroa 27	Bethany 30
Maroa 32	St. Teresa 33
Maroa 27	Decatur B 45
Maroa 23	Hammond 40
Maroa 24	Niantic 27
Maroa 38	Warrensburg 25
Maroa 18	Argenta 23
Maroa 19	Niantic 45
Maroa 35	Mt. Pulaski 52
Maroa 19	Mt. Zion 45
Maroa 41	Niantic 53
Maroa 38	Lovington 41
Maroa 48	Decatur B 34
Maroa 28	Bloomington 43

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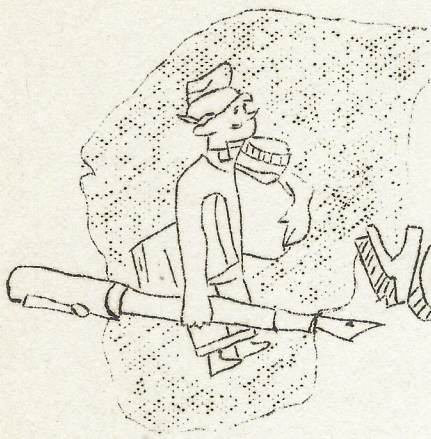
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